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SUMMARY: AT AN 8 OCTOBER MEETING OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP, US SIDE PRESENTED EXPANDED TRAINING AND DCS SHARING OPTIONS TO GREEK SIDE. THE GREEK SIDE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH US PROPOSAL INCLUDING ACQUISITION IN THE POSSIBLE PREEMPTION OF THE DCS SERVICE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS. GREEK SIDE UNDERSTANDS

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THAT THEY HAVE INTER-CONNECTION RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE

USE OF THE DCS CIRCUITS. THEY WERE INFORMED THAT FUTURE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS MAY EFFECT THE DCS SERVICE AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

1. MEETING OPENED WITH REVIEW OF WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AT PREVIOUS MEETING IN THE AREA OF TRAINING AND GREEK REQUEST FOR EXPANDED TRAINING AND JOINT USE OF DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (DCS) FACILITIES. US SIDE THEN REPORTED THAT, IN ADDITION TO TRAINING INITIALLY PROPOSED, IT WAS AUTHORIZED TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING TRAINING IN LIGHT OF THE GREEK REQUEST:

LOCATION NUMBER OF TRAINEES
LEVKAS TWO OR THREE

MT HORTIATIS TWO OR THREE
MT PARNIS TWO OR THREE

GREEK SIDE ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL, AND WHEN QUERIED, INDICATED ITS PREFERENCE FOR LEAVING FUTURE CYCLES (WHETHER AT IRAKLION OR LEVKAS-HORTIATIS-PARNIS) OPEN PENDING EVALUATION OF FIRST TWO TRAINING CYCLES.

2. DRAWING ON REF A AND THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CAVEATS CONTAINED REF B, US SIDE THEN MADE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS FOR JOINT USE OF THE DCS: PROVISION OF ONE VOICE FREQUECY PATH BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
MT PATERAS - IRAKLION; MT PARNIS - ATHENS; MT PARNIS - MT HORTIATIS; MT PARNIS - NEA MAKRI. US SIDE THEN EXPLAINED POSSIBLE WAYS THE CHANNELS COULD BE USED, RE-ITERATED GREEK RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH THE DCS, AND EMPHASIZED THAT, SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE, THE US RESERVED THE RIGHT TO PREEMPT THE USE OF ANY OF THE PROFFERED CHANNELS SHOULD FACILITY REARRANGEMENT OR OTHER US REQUIREMENTS DICTATE. COMMENT: SINCE WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT ATO TATOI IS NOT A MILITARY FACILITY AND HAVE TURNED ASIDE ANY GREEK ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE IT IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP, WE JUDGED IT INAPPROPRIATE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO IT BY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ITS POSSIBLE RELOCATION

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WITH A USMILITARY FACILITY. WE BELIEVE THECAVEATS WERE BROADLY ENOUGH WORDED TO SUBSUME WITHIN THEM ANY FUTURE NEED WHICH AN ATO MOVE MIGHTCREATE. END COMMENT GREEK SIDE ACCEPTED US PROPOSAL AND CAVEATS ON POSSIBLE PREEMPTION.

3. US SIDE ADDITIONALLY INFORMED GREEKS THAT A FUTURE MODERNIZATION OF THE DCS BY THE US COULD AFFECT THE

CHANNELS AVAILABLE TO THE GREEKS. THEY WERE, HOWEVER, ADVISED THAT SHOULD US REQUIREMENTS FOR THE (EXISTING) 486L SYSTEM BE TERMINATED, THOSE FACILITIES AND SYSTEM ASSETS EXCESS TO US NEEDS COULD BE OFFERED FOR GREEK ACQUISITION RENDER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. GREEK SIDE INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBILITY.

4. IN CONCLUDING DISCUSSIONS, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE SUBGROUP HAD REACHED SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMNT, WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, ON THE JOINT USE OF DCS FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN GREECE, AND THAT IN LIGHT OF SIMILAR AGREEMENT ON NEA MAKRI (REF C), THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP WERE ESSENTIALLY COMPLETED.

5. COMMENT: AS IN THE CASE OF NEA MAKRI AS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 OF REF C, A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS BEING FORMULATED AND WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL FOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL. END COMMENT.

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